(d) The Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain Infiltration from across the borders. This, *inter-alia*, includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts; construction of border fencing and floodlighting; introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipments; upgradation of intelligence set up and coordination with the Government and intelligence agencies concerned.

Dust Storm in Kanpur

509. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a devastating dust storm hit Kanpur city on 14th May, 2008;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of villages in the area were gutted in fire stoked by winds; and

(c) if so, the details of the loss of life and property and extent of relief provided to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) As per the information received from the government of Uttar Pradesh, a high speed cyclonic dust storm hit Kanpur city leading to accidental fire at different places.

(b) A few villages were also reported gutted by high speed cyclonic dust storm leading to accidental fire.

(c) The State Government has reported loss of 6 human lives, 13 cattle heads and private properties worth Rs. 30,96,895.00. The Government of Uttar Pradesh extended relief of Rs. 1,22,800.00 to the victims.

Invoking Article 355 against Orissa and Karnataka

510. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to invoke Article 355 against Orissa and Karnataka which are witnessing largescale targeted attacks on the Christian minority community over the last few weeks;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of persons killed in those incidents in both the States; and

(c) by when it is likely to be invoked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) According to available information, 39 persons were killed during recent incidents of communal violence in Orissa. No death, however, has been reported in communal incidents in Karnataka.

Government of India has maintained a close and continuous watch over the situation in both these States. 7 advisories/ communications were sent to the Government of Orissa between